



NEWS RELEASE

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UPDATE

SIMAS/WEST BETTERAVIA ROAD DETOUR NEAR HIGHWAY 166 CONTINUES NEXT WEEK

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY - A project to relocate drainage ditches along Highway 166 West near Guadalupe will result in a **24/7 full closure of Simas/W. Betteravia Road between Brown Road and Hwy. 166** beginning Monday, July 29 until Friday, August 2 for drainage work.

Motorists will be detoured to Brown Road and then to Hwy. 1, with 5-10 minute delays expected.

This project will improve safety by relocating the drainage ditches and removing fixed objects along Hwy. 166 West from Simas Street to 1.5 miles east of Simas Street and from Bonita School Road to Black Road. This project will also create a 30-foot clear recovery zone allowing errant motorists more space off the highway lanes.

The contractor for this \$1.5 million project is Raminha Construction of Atascadero. This project is expected to be complete this fall.

Caltrans reminds motorists to move over and slow down when driving through highway construction zones.

For traffic updates on other state highway projects in Santa Barbara County, motorists can call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at 805-549-3318 or visit the District 5 website at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/road_information.htm



COVERED DRAINAGE DITCH IMPROVES SAFETY FOR MOTORISTS



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